

29 January 1957

INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the thirty second meeting, 9 January 1957, at 1000 hours, in room 1521, Barton Hall.

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OSI - Chairman

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OSI - Secretary

2. Minutes of the second session, thirty-first meeting, (12 December 1956) approved.

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3. The OCB revision of NSC-169. [redacted] reported that separate comments on the draft revision had been furnished SA/DDI during December, each including a recommendation that the OCB make a prompt determination of the agencies responsible for carrying out the policies.

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4. The ODM revision of NSC-169. [redacted] reported that he was informed ODM had no intention of writing a substitute policy paper.

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5. RSB/SR [redacted] reported that the reply to NSA as formulated at the last IOTAC meeting had gone forward as recommended by IOTAC with the exception of changing the CIA contact from [redacted] to Dr. Andrews. There remains no apparent reluctance on the part of NSA to share information with RSB/SR and to have Agency representatives on the programming of the 704 computer.

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[redacted] urged that the persons assigned by CIA to developing cooperative application of computer methods include someone well versed in advanced techniques to make sure of taking full advantage of the possibilities.

6. Computing Machines The foregoing led into a discussion of the possible utility of advanced computer techniques to the intelligence process in general, not only for storing and indexing of information, but also for the more complex problem of analysis. [redacted] noted an advanced IBM development sponsored by DD/P for indexing names. The committee took no action in the matter.

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7. Broadcast Evaluation.

██████████ reported that the development of means of evaluation of "impact" presented difficulties since it was not considered desirable for one agency involved in broadcasting to comment on the effectiveness of another. In an effort to find an outside organization to undertake this evaluation, he was planning a visit to ██████████ with USIA representatives to determine the feasibility ██████████ undertaking country studies. ██████████ indicated the Broadcast Evaluation Section would be interested in providing (and obtaining) information on technical effectiveness which might be required or developed in such studies. With respect to a CIA study of broadcast receiver distribution, ██████████ reported on a meeting with USIA representatives (Messrs. Stanley and Costakyan, IRI) and DD/P representatives ██████████ in accordance with the instructions of the 12 December IOTAC meeting. ██████████ ORR/S/COM and ██████████ ORR/I/EE, made it clear to the group as to the limitations in estimating the geographical distribution of receivers. Nevertheless, it was the consensus that even if the report had to be hedged with cautionary words, it was important to the broadcasters to produce such a study. The study of the sixth five-year plan now in progress in O/RR will take about five or six months, and will, accordingly, include as much detail on broadcast receiver distribution as is feasible. In reply to questions as to the extension of the estimate to the Satellites, the group was advised that this was more difficult because of the limited availability of information on advance production plans, and no indication was made that this extension would be undertaken.

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8. The Amateur Project. The paper establishing the pilot project has received all necessary concurrences and is awaiting final signature by DD/I and the Director's office. The chairman suggested the matter be dropped from the IOTAC agenda until the end of the trial period of six months.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, 7 February 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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